

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification is amended, as recited hereinabove, to correct a couple of typographical errors. Claims 1-5 and 7-18 remain in the subject application. Claim 6 is being canceled. Claims 1, 7, 16 and 18 are amended, as recited hereinabove. Formal drawings are being submitted herewith.

Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement due to the use of the words "retransmission of the fax information from the second fax machine" in that the second fax machine is noted as being intended to only receive fax information. This rejection is respectfully erroneously made, as the second fax machine is capable of transmitting or retransmitting and not just receiving. Support for the latter is present throughout the subject specification, as an example, page 9, lines 1-4 is referred hereto for such support.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C.103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Lin et al. (US patent 5,88,064) in view of Bloomfield (US patent 6,693,729). Claims 1, 16 and 18, as amended hereinabove, are believed to be patentable over Lin et al. in view of Bloomfield, as for example, neither Lin et al. nor Bloomfield teach, suggest or hint at "... network device including an accumulation block ...", similarly, no teaching or suggestion is made of the use CRC for checking and correcting fax information that is received in error, as recited in the claimed invention. It is therefore believed that all claims, as amended hereinabove, are patentable over Lin et al. in view of Bloomfield and all claims depending from claims 1, 16 and 18 are necessarily patentable over Lin et al in view of Bloomfield. It is further believed that the combination of Lin et al. and Bloomfield as the basis for rejection is unfounded, as neither reference suggests or hints at the teachings of the other. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-18 is hereby respectfully requested.

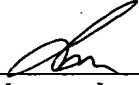
Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 and 7-18 is hereby respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and an early notice thereof is respectfully requested. Should any further amendment be required prior to passing the application to issue, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the

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